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ONE GENE IN EUKARYOTIC CELLS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action issued January 10, 2003 in the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 23 and 24 with the following amended claims.

23. (Amended) The recombinant nucleic acid sequence according to claim 19, 20 or 21, wherein said IRES is a nucleic acid sequence upstream of the movement protein gene of a plant virus belonging to the group of tobamoviruses and is capable of promoting expression of the 5'-distal genes from bicistronic and/or polycistronic mRNAs in eukaryotic cells.

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